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## Community News Briefs

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Tax relief for seniors, disabled

Seniors and permanently disabled people who own homes have until Monday, June 5, to apply for a reduction in property taxes through Cuyahoga County's Homestead Exemption program. Applications are available to homeowners who are at least 65 years old or permanently disabled regardless of age and have income of no more than \$26,200. Applicants must own or live in their house. The program is available to some owners of mobile homes. For information, applications or to schedule a speaker for a group, call the auditor's office, 216-443-7050 or 216-443-7164.

SUMMIT COUNTY

Relay events help fight cancer

Two Summit County communities are holding Relay for Life fund-raising events to combat cancer. The events feature an array of activities. The Hudson-Stow Relay for Life is set for Friday and Saturday, June 2 and 3, at the Hudson High School track. The Twinsburg-Macedonia Relay for Life is on June 2 and 3 at Twinsburg Tiger Stadium.

LAKESWOOD

Students auction art for charity

Artists in grades two through five at Lincoln Elementary School will show off and auction off their works at 10:30 a.m. next Saturday at the school, 15615 Clifton Blvd. The students spent weeks creating designs on chairs based on famous paintings. Proceeds from the auction of those chairs will go to the Cleveland Foodbank. In case of rain, the auction will be inside the school's large gym.

BEDFORD

Old railroad depot to go

The city will tear down the remnants of a railroad depot built in 1852 but will try to save original posts and beams for display, City Manager Robert Reid Jr. said. Janet Caldwell, interim director of the Bedford Historical Society, wanted the city to save what remains of a former Cleveland & Pittsburgh Railroad station. Research indicates that Abraham Lincoln waved from a passing train en route to his inauguration in 1861 and that an abolitionist mob gathered there the same year to protest the forced return of a slave to the South. "It has national significance," Caldwell said. "We, as a community, have been entrusted with it." City officials said the building, which it bought several years ago, needs repair.

EASTLAKE

North High alumni sought

The North High School Class of 1976 is holding its 30-year reunion July 1 at Barnes Olde Towne Tavern, 7592 Kirtland-Chardon Road, Kirtland. Out of 860 graduates, organizers are trying to locate 200. Call Lisa (Yuratovac) Nichols at 440-255-7748 by June 20.

CLEVELAND

Boater safety classes, checks

With the start of boating season, the Coast Guard reminds boaters to wear life jackets at all times on the water and to practice safe boating. The Coast Guard offers free vessel safety checks and boater education

classes. Call Frank Jennings at 216-902-6094 .

MADD walk start time changed

Mothers Against Drunk Driving's Strides for Change walk on Sunday, June 4, is rescheduled to start at 8:30 a.m. at Jacobs Field. The walk was originally planned to start at 6 p.m., but an Indians baseball game was rescheduled, creating a time conflict. Call 216-685-0880 or visit [www.stridesforchange.org](http://www.stridesforchange.org).

CLEVELAND

Legal Aid to offer free clinics

The Legal Aid Society of Cleveland, joined by volunteer lawyers, is holding two clinics to give free legal advice to low-income people. The first will be from 10 a.m. to noon next Saturday at St. Martin de Porres Center, 1274 East 123rd St. The second will be from 10 a.m. to noon June 10 at the Spanish American Committee, 4407 Lorain Ave. Those seeking advice are asked to bring all relevant paperwork. For details, call Melanie Shakarian, 216-861-5217.

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